Mayor Kristen Brown called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Pastor Mark Teike with St. Peter's Lutheran Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Brown.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Dascal Bunch, Ryan Brand, Frank Jerome, Frank Miller, Tim Shuffett, and James Lienhoop were present. Aaron Hankins was absent.
- D. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the City Council meeting of June 18, 2013. Councilor Dascal Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote of six (6) to zero (0).

Councilor Shuffett made a motion to suspend the rules of order and move Items A and B under New Business to be heard prior to Unfinished Business. Councilor Lienhoop seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) to zero (0).

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 16, 2013, RESOLUTION DECLARING A CERTAIN AREA WITHIN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA AND QUALIFYING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT, AND SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON CUMMINS INC." (ERA). Chris Schilling, Communications and Program Director, along with Catina Furnish, with Cummins Inc. presented this request for Economic Revitalization Area (ERA) designation on its property located on Road 450 S in Walesboro. Chris stated Cummins Inc. is planning on creating a new 428,000 square-foot warehouse facility on the property, with an estimated development cost of \$15 million in building infrastructure. The property is part of the Cummins owned property in Walesboro and is adjacent to a previously designated Economic Revitalization Area (ERA). If the ERA designation is approved, Cummins Inc. intends to request tax abatement on the real property as a result of this development. An addition of 25 jobs will be created as a result of the expansion and 80 jobs will be retained. Councilor Lienhoop asked if there would be an additional stoplight added to Road 450 S. Ms. Furnish stated the traffic flows would be studied and Cummins Inc. will be working with the planning team to make that determination. She further stated this warehouse is primarily going to be a parts distribution facility. Discussion followed. Chris explained if the resolution is approved the land will be declared in an Economic Revitalization Area. The next step is a confirmatory resolution in

which a public hearing is scheduled for the next Council meeting so taxing units affected by the ERA may voice any concerns with the Council. After the public hearing, Cummins Inc. would then present their request for tax abatement on the improvements. Further discussion followed. No one from the public spoke. Councilor Lienhoop stated the Incentive Review Committee met prior to the meeting and found the applicant to be in substantial compliance. Councilor Lienhoop made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote of six (6) to zero (0).

B. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 17, 2013, RESOLUTION APPROVING A DEDUCTION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1, ET. SEQ. AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE STATEMENT OF BENEFITS FORM." (Cummins Inc.). Chris Schilling presented the request for tax abatement. Cummins Inc. requested tax abatement on real property at its existing property located at 525 Jackson Street in Columbus. Cummins Inc. is planning an investment of approximately 5.6 million to update the property. Some of the updates include mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems; as well as refurbishing the floors and bathrooms. The property is located in a previously designated Economic Revitalization Area. With this expansion, Cummins Inc. will retain 376 current, full-time employees, and will reallocate 149 employees to the location from other Cummins facilities. Catina Furnish, Cummins Inc., discussed the improvements to the building. She stated Cummins Inc. is not asking for an abatement on the improvements for the power generation system at this time. Discussion followed. No comments from the public. Councilor Lienhoop stated the Incentive Review Committee met prior to the meeting and found the Cummins Inc. to be in substantial compliance. Councilor Lienhoop made a motion to approve the resolution with ten (10) year tax abatement. Councilor Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote of six (6) to zero (0).

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

A. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 13, 2013, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 9.12.020 DISCHARGING OF FIREARMS AND USE OF WEAPONS." Jason Maddix, Chief of Police, presented this ordinance. He explained the city already has an ordinance regarding firearms and weapons, and this is a revision of that ordinance with proposed definition changes. The ordinance also addresses discharging a weapon in the city, public display of a weapon of a person under the age of 18 years, and altering identification and orange markings on any weapons or toy weapons. Discussion followed. Mayor Brown opened the meeting for public comment. Judy Harpenau of Overlook Court stated she feels this is really important. Violence is a public safety issue and anything we can do to protect children, reduce violence, and teaching gun safety is a good thing. She further stated this is a proactive step. Michael Mull of Columbus asked if this included personal property. Chief Maddix explained it does include personal property if the weapons are publicly displayed. Councilor Jerome made a motion to pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Tim Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

IV. Other Business

- **A.** Standing Committee and Liaison Reports Councilor Brand announced tickets are available for the 2013 Rock the Park concert scheduled for August 17.
- B. Discussion Items: None
- C. Next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **July 16**, **2013 at 6:00 o'clock P.M. in City Hall.**
- **D.** Councilor Shuffett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:42 P.M.

	Presiding Officer	
Attest:		
Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus		